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REF: (A) BUDAPEST 2654; (B) STATE 190925

1. DURING AUGUST 31 SESSION MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT PASSPORT/VISA CHIEF HAITS EXCHANGED WITH CONSUL SMOOTH DRAFT NOTES ON BILATERAL TDY MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA FACILIATION. USG TEXT WAS REFTEL A'S, AUTHORITY TO PRESENT WHICH WAS GRANTED BY REFTEL B. MFA PRESENTED HUNGARIAN TEXT, WITH AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION. MFA ENGLISH TEXT, WHILE SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL TO USG PROPOSAL, DIFFERS IN SOME STYLISTIC PARTICULARS.

2. MFA TRANSLATION OF HUNGARIAN TEXT PRESENTED IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. .... OF ..... 1977, HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT IT IS SIMILARLY PREPARED TO ISSUE VISAS, UNDER CONDITIONS MENTIONED IN THE SAID NOTE, TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS, AS HEREINAFTER INDICATED:

(A) THE HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS ARE PREPARED TO ISSUE, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE
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PRESENTED TO THEM, VISAS VALID FOR DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE ENTRIES DURING PERIODS OF UP TO SIX MONTHS, AND ALSO VISAS FOUR TEMPORARY STAY, TO UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL (SERVICE) PASSPORT HOLDERS VISITING THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN HUNGARY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, OR TRANSITING THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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THE HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS ARE LIKEWISE PREPARED TO ISSUE DOUBLE AND MULTIPLE-ENTRY COURTESY VISAS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS MAKING PERSONAL VISITS TO STAFF MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN HUNGARY.

(B) APPLICATIONS FOR DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS SHOULD BE MADE BY NOTE VERBALE INDICATING THE PERIOD, UP TO SIX MONTHS, FOR WHICH IT IS REQUESTED THE VISA BE VALID, AND CONTAINING A STATEMENT THAT THE PASSPORT HOLDER WILL PROBABLY NEED TO TRAVEL TO OR TRANSIT THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS.

APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS SEEKING DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE-ENTRY COURTESY VISAS IN PRIVATE PASSPORTS SHOULD ALSO BE SUPPORTED BY AN APPROPRIATE STATEMENT.

(C) THE HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS ARE PREPARED TO ISSUE VISAS FOR DOUBLE AND MULTIPLE ENTRIES TO HOLDERS OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL (SERVICE) AND PRIVATE PASSPORTS IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES IN LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, EVEN IMMEDIATELY, WHEN URGENCY IS SPECIFIED AND TRAVEL DATA ARE PROVIDED BY NOTE VERBALE.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGREES THAT NOTE VERBALE NO. .... OF .....1977 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THIS REPLY NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT ON THE ABOVE MATTER, WITH ENTRY INTO FORCE ON THE 60TH DAY FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTE VERBALE.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE

3. COMMENTING ORALLY ON THE GOH TEXT, HAITS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. IN PARA (A) HUNGARIANS DID NOT SEE NECESITY TO MENTION SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS, SINCE THESE ARE ALREADY ADDRESSED BY PRESENT SEVEN-DAY AGREEMENT. SINCE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD BE AN EXTENSION OF WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE, IT NEED, IN GOH VIEW, MENTION ONLY DOUBLE-OR-MORE ENTRIES. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT WORDING QUOTE AND ALSO VISAS FOR TEMPORARY STAY, END QUOTE HAITS EXPLAINED THAT IN HUNGARIAN USAGE THIS WORDING ONLY DRASW DISTINCTION BETWEEN NONIMMIGRANT VISAS AND VISAS FOUR RESIDENCE. EMBASSY HAS FOUND THE MFA ENGLISH TRANSLATION TO BE NOT QUITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HUNGARIAN AT THIS PART. EMBASSY TRANSLATION READS:
QUOTE ... VISAS VALID FOR DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE ENTRIES WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY STAY... END QUOTE THIS

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ACCORDS SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE USG PROPOSAL.

4. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE FROM USG PROPOSAL IS THAT HUNGARIANS NOW DESIRE ENTRY INTO FORCE 60 DAYS (RATHER THAN 30) AFTER NOTES ARE EXCHANGED.

5. HAITS ASKED THAT USG REVIEW HUNGARIAN REPLY TEXT NOT SO MUCH FOR STRICT, MIRRORLIKE VERBAL IDENTITY WITH U.S. PROPOSAL, BUT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IDENTITY OF SUBSTANCE: "WHAT THE LAWMAKERS HAVE ACTUALLY AGREED."

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE HUNGARIAN DRAFT TEXT WHICH HAITS ALSO HANDED OVER, AND FINDS IT ACCORDS ACCURATELY WITH THE MFA ENGLISH TRANSLATION REPORTED ABOVE WITH
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THE ONE MINOR EXCEPTION NOTED PARA 3. COPY OF BOTH MFA ENGLISH AND HUNGARIAN TEXTS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (VO AND GERTH, EUR/EE). EMBASSY BELIEVES WE HAVE A WORTHWHILE AGREEMENT WHOSE PROVISIONS, AS DISCUSSED AND ELABORATED IN THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE LED TO THE PRESENT POINT (AND AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT) ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO STRIVE FOR EXACT MIRROR-IMAGE TEXTS, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE EMBASSY WOULD DEFER TO DEPARTMENT'S WISHES IN THIS REGARD.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE AUTHORIZE EMBASSY (A) TO ALTER LAST SENTENCY OF PARA. (C) OF U.S. NOTE TO PROVIDE FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE 60 DAYS AFTER NOTE EXCHANGE VICE ONE MONTH, AND (B) TO PROCEED TO EXCHANGE-OF-NOTES WITH GOH.
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